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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A PRESS RELEASE THAT THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROPOSES TO RELEASE AFTERNOON JUNE  
2. TEXT SHOULD BE HELD BY USCG UNTIL INFORMED BY  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF TIMING OF ISSUANCE.

2. TEXT AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REGRETS THE DECISION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA NO LONGER  
TO GIVE PROVISIONAL EFFECT TO THE 1978 INTERIM FISHERIES  
AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES FOR RECIPROCAL FISHING IN THE  
US AND CANADIAN 200 MILE FISHERIES ZONES. SINCE THIS  
DECISION CLOSES CANADIAN WATERS TO US FISHERMEN, THE  
UNITED STATES HAS NO OPTION BUT TO CLOSE ITS WATERS TO  
FISHERMEN FROM CANADA DURING ANY PERIODS WHEN CANADIAN  
WATERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO US FISHERMEN. WE DO NOT BE-  
LIEVE THE CANADIAN ACTION WAS WARRANTED BY ANY ACTION  
TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES  
CENTER ON ISSUES INVOLVING WEST COAST SALMON AND CERTAIN

EAST COAST FISH STOCKS. WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF WEST  
COAST SALMON FISHERIES, THE 1978 INTERIM AGREEMENT PRO-  
VIDED FOR ACCESS BY CANADIAN FISHERMEN TO NEW AREAS IN THE  
US SALMON FISHERY ON CONDITION THAT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE

UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA CLOSE ITS SWIFT-SURE BANK AREA SALMON FISHERY FROM APRIL 15 THROUGH JUNE 14. THE US, ON TWO OCCASIONS, REQUESTED FOR CONSERVATION REASONS THAT THIS CLOSURE BE INSTITUTED, BUT CANADA, DISAGREEING ON THE NEED FOR CONSERVATION MEASURES IN THE AREA, WHERE MOST OF THE SALMON PRESENT DURING THAT PERIOD ARE OF US ORIGIN, DECLINED TO INSTITUTE FULL CLOSURE OF THE SWIFTSURE BANK AREA UNTIL MAY 15. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE US WAS UNDER NO OBLIGATION UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT TO GRANT EXTENDED ACCESS BY CANADIAN FISHERMEN TO US SALMON FISHERIES. NEVERTHELESS, THE US OFFERED WHAT IT CONSIDERED TO BE PROPORTIONATELY IMPROVED TERMS FOR CANADIAN SALMON TROLLERS.

ON THE EAST COAST, CANADA CALLED ON THE US TO TAKE ACTION TO RESTRICT EFFORTS BY UNITED STATES FISHERMEN TO INCREASE THEIR TAKE OF CERTAIN FISH STOCKS IN THE US FISHERY ZONE. THE US POINTED OUT THAT THE 1978 INTERIM AGREEMENT IMPOSED NO SUCH OBLIGATION ON THE US AND THAT THE US HAD NO LEGAL BASIS FOR TAKING SUCH ACTION WITHIN THE PERIOD OF TIME CONTEMPLATED BY CANADA. IN LIGHT OF THE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES WHICH REMAINED, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WERE UNABLE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

THE US INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH LEGISLATION APPROVING THE 1978 INTERIM AGREEMENT IN HOPE THAT BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WILL BE ATTAINED IN DUE COURSE. IN THE MEANWHILE, THE UNITED STATES WILL COOPERATE WITH CANADA TO MODERATE ACTIONS ON BOTH SIDES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE ATMOSPHERE FOR EVENTUAL RESUMPTION OF RECIPROCAL FISHING ARRANGEMENTS.

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THE US BELIEVES THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION ILLUSTRATES THE WEAKNESS OF INTERIM RECIPROCAL FISHERIES AGREEMENTS AS COMPARED WITH A LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT INCLUDING MECHANISMS FOR SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES. THE ISSUES BROUGHT TO LIGHT IN THE CURRENT INSTANCE REPRESENT THE KIND OF PROBLEM THAT WOULD BE SUSCEPTIBLE OF SOLUTION IN THE CONTEXT OF A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES AND BOUNDARIES AND A MUTUALLY AGREED REGIME FOR LIMITS ON SALMON INTERCEPTION. BOTH CANADA AND THE US, IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS, HAVE AGREED TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT; AND THE SPECIAL NEGOTIATORS, AMBASSADOR MARCEL CADIEUX OF CANADA AND LLOYD CUTLER OF THE US, HAVE

AGREED TO MEET IN MID-JUNE AND AGAIN SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO PURSUE THE NEGOTIATIONS INTENSIVELY. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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